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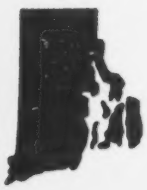

EMPLOYMENT BULLETIN

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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 4,200 IN SEPTEMBER TO 408,600

Total establishment employment rose by 4,200 in September, as it reached a record high level of 408,600. Most of the monthly increase was the result of education-related hiring in the Nonmanufacturing sector, reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 408,600 in September. This represents a gain of 4,200 over the August level of 404,400 and is 8,900 above the September 1983 figure of 399,700.

MANUFACTURING

Total Manufacturing employment increased by 200 from August to September. The current figure of 121,700 is also 3,600 greater than the September 1983 level of 118,100. In the Durable Goods category, the September employment total of 82,700 was up 300 from the August level, and was 2,500 above the figure recorded one year ago in September. The Nondurable Goods employment level of 39,000 was 100 below the August total, but was up 1,100 compared to September 1983.

Within the Durable Goods category, the largest monthly gain was registered in Transportation Equipment (+200), followed by increases of 100 jobs each in Electrical Machinery and Jewelry/Silverware. Instruments declined by 100 jobs from August to September, while the remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged during this period. Compared to a year ago, Electrical Machinery was up by 700 and Transportation Equipment and Miscellaneous Manufacturing were each up by 600. Annual employment gains were also recorded in Nonelectrical Machinery (+300), Jewelry/Silverware (+200), and Lumber/Furniture, Fabricated Metals and Instruments (+100 each). Annual declines of 100 each were reported in Stone-Clay-Glass and Primary Metals.

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EMPLOYERS! LIST YOUR HOLIDAY JOB OPENINGS WITH THE RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE

Are you a retailer planning to hire additional sales people for the approaching holiday season? Perhaps a manufacturer considering the addition of another shift or adding part-time or full-time help to your present shift?

The Rhode Island Job Service is the State's largest single source of job-ready applicants. Now is the time to list your openings with the Job Service. Our responsibility is to work with employers across the entire spectrum of the work force, providing a full range of employees from the assembly line to the front office. Professional job interviewers in each of our twelve local offices will screen and refer applicants for your consideration. You make the final selection. We can also assist you in describing your jobs accurately as you prepare your job orders. This saves you, or your personnel staff, valuable time and money in recruiting and interviewing.

For more than fifty years, Job Service has been working hard to keep Americans — and Rhode Islanders — working; a dependable community source of qualified applicants for Rhode Island employers.

Now is the time to list your holiday hiring needs with the Job Service. Call the Job Bank at 277-3588 (or toll-free Enterprise 2265) or any local office of the Rhode Island Job Service listed on page two of this Bulletin. Thank you.

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WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

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TJTC Job Orders. 277-6950
Call-A-Teen 277-2964

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1984	Sept. 1983
Total Placements	2,378	2,838	1,848
New Applications	4,029	4,922	3,666
New Openings Rec'd.	3,958	5,274	2,621

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1984	% Change Aug. 1984
Initial Claims	5,494	6,847	- 19.8
No. of Payments	34,917	46,786	- 25.4
Amt. of Payments	$3,759,154	$4,939,869	- 23.9
Exhaustions	758	1,003	- 24.4

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1984
Initial Claims	1,050	1,199
No. of Payments	7,280	8,932
Amount of Payments	$ 735,949	$ 926,361

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force -- Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1984	Sept. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	498.2	494.0	478.4
Unemployment	22.5	24.9	31.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.5	5.0	6.6
Seas. Adjusted Rate	5.1	4.9	7.5

PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	477.7	476.6	469.7
Unemployment	25.5	33.4	38.7
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.3	7.0	8.2

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	42,155	41,585	38,175
Unemployment	1,275	1,480	1,880
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.0	3.6	4.9

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Aug. 1984	July 1984	Aug. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	16,995	16,780	16,955
Unemployment	690	940	1,200
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.1	5.6	7.1

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The annual designation of Labor Surplus Areas has recently been announced by the U.S. Department of Labor. The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas. These classifications are effective through September 30, 1985. Establishments located in the Rhode Island communities listed are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

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Coventry
East Providence
Johnston
New Shoreham
Pawtucket
Providence
Warren
West Warwick
Woonsocket

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1984	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1984	Sept. 1983
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	408.6	404.4	399.7	+4,200	+8,900
MANUFACTURING	121.7	121.5	118.1	+ 200	+3,600
NONMANUFACTURING	286.9	282.9	281.6	+4,000	+5,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.6	13.6	12.5	-	+1,100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.8	13.2	13.7	+ 600	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	84.9	85.0	84.2	- 100	+ 700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.9	21.9	21.4	-	+ 500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	95.6	94.1	93.9	+1,500	+1,700
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.1**	55.1	55.9**	+2,000	+1,200

1983 Figures REVISED. 1984 Figures are PRELIMINARY. Estimates are for pay period which includes the 12th of the month.

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** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1984	Sept. 1983	Aug. 1984	Sept. 1983	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1983	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1983	Sept. 1984	Sept. 1983
ALL MANUFACTURING	121.7	121.5	118.1	+200	+3600	$288.15	$276.31	40.3	39.7	$ 7.15	$ 6.96
DURABLE GOODS	82.7	82.4	80.2	+300	+2500	295.16	282.49	40.6	39.9	7.27	7.08
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 100	257.52	270.02	34.8	38.3	7.40	7.05
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 100	359.20	347.11	40.0	39.4	8.98	8.81
PRIMARY METALS	6.0	6.0	6.1	0	- 100	335.91	351.82	39.8	42.8	8.44	8.22
FABRICATED METALS	9.2	9.2	9.1	0	+ 100	264.14	251.74	40.7	38.2	6.49	6.59
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.8*	6.8*	6.5*	0	+ 300	415.40	361.98	45.3	40.4	9.17	8.96
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.7	11.6	11.0	+100	+ 700	267.65	281.76	40.8	40.6	6.56	6.94
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.6	9.4	9.0	+200	+ 600	404.63	364.00	41.5	40.0	9.75	9.10
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	4.9	4.7	- 100	+ 100	299.33	308.18	42.1	43.9	7.11	7.02
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.9	23.8	23.7	+100	+ 200	220.49	217.23	39.8	39.0	5.54	5.57
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.8	5.8	5.2	0	+ 600	277.20	233.87	40.0	37.3	6.93	6.27
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.0	39.1	37.9	- 100	+1100	277.77	267.02	39.4	39.5	7.05	6.76
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.4	3.4	3.2	0	+ 200	229.25	197.57	35.0	33.6	6.55	5.88
TEXTILES	11.0	11.0	11.1	0	- 100	266.26	252.13	40.9	41.4	6.51	6.09
APPAREL	3.4	3.4	3.3	0	+ 100	221.51	221.55	37.8	38.8	5.86	5.71
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0	249.64	251.30	39.5	41.4	6.32	6.07
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 200	420.21	356.48	40.6	36.6	10.35	9.74
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.3	2.9	- 100	+ 300	356.57	345.87	38.8	36.6	9.19	9.45
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.6	1.6	1.3	0	+ 300	292.03	325.42	40.9	44.7	7.14	7.28
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	+ 100	272.25	272.16	37.5	39.5	7.26	6.89
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0	197.54	215.80	41.5	41.5	4.76	5.20

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In the nondurable Goods producing category, a monthly job decline of 100 occurred in Chemical Products. The remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from their August employment levels. Compared to September 1983, the largest gains were posted in Chemical Products and Rubber Products (+300 each). Food-Beverage and Printing-Publishing both added 200 jobs to their year ago levels. Annual employment gains were also recorded in Apparel and Plastics Products (+100 each). The only loss over the year was posted by Textiles (-100). Paper Products and Leather Products remained unchanged from their September 1983 employment totals.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall Rhode Island employment in the various Nonmanufacturing categories rose by 4,000 jobs from August to September due primarily to seasonal education-related hiring in the Services, Government and Transportation sectors. The September total of 286,900 is 5,300 jobs greater than the year ago employment level of 281,600.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the largest monthly gain (+2,000) was recorded in Government, primarily due to increased employment in local and state educational institutions. The Government employment total of 57,100 was also 1,200 higher than reported a year ago in September mainly because labor disputes in major school districts were then in progress. Seasonal gains in Private Education boosted Service employment to 95,600, which was 1,500 above its August level; the current number of Service jobs is also 1,700 higher than the year ago September figure. Primarily due to the rehiring of school bus drivers, Transportation and Public Utilities employment, at 13,800, reflected a monthly gain of 600 and an annual increase of 100 jobs. Both Contract Construction, at 13,600, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 21,900, remained unchanged from August to September. However, compared to a year ago, the former was up 1,100 and the latter gained 500 jobs. Wholesale and Retail Trade posted the only monthly employment decrease (-100) in this sector; however, the current job total of 84,900 is 700 higher than the total recorded one year ago in September.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 2 cents to $7.15 in September; this represents a gain of 19 cents per hour compared to a year ago. The average work week increased by 1.8 of an hour in September to 40.3 hours, which was 0.6 of an hour greater than September 1983. Average weekly earnings for these workers amounted to $288.15 in September, representing an increase of $13.64 from last month, and $11.84 from September of last year.

"Using the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) to Your Advantage" — a one-day Seminar for Employers sponsored by the Rhode Island Job Service and the State Job Service Employer Committees.

Thursday, November 29, 1984
Providence Marriott Inn
Charles at Orms, Providence, R.I.
8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

For additional information and registration call R.I. Job Service at 277-3574 or Eileen Schanck, Murdock Webbing Company, 724-3000.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT TOTALS 408,600 IN OCTOBER

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island remained unchanged from September to October as a decrease in Manufacturing was offset by job gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector, reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 408,600 in October. While this figure shows no change from the September level, it represents a gain of 7,300 over the October 1983 total of 401,300.

MANUFACTURING

Reflecting a decrease due primarily to a temporary plant closing, total Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island dropped by 800 in October to a levebf 120,900. However, this represents a gain of 2,200 over the total of 118,700 reported a year ago this month. In the Durable Goods sector, the October employment figure of 81,900 was down 800 from September, but was 1,100 above the total recorded in October 1983. The October Nondurable Goods level of 39,000 was unchanged from September but was up 1,100 over its year ago total.

Within the Durable Goods sector, the largest monthly decrease was posted in Electrical Machinery (-1,000) due to a temporary plant closing. Declines were also evident in Miscellaneous Manufacturing (-200) and Primary Metals (-100). Jewelry/Silverware increased by 300 from September to October, while Fabricated Metals and Transportation

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1985 TAXABLE WAGE BASE

In accordance with State law, the 1985 taxable wage bases for the Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance programs have been determined. Mary C. Hackett, Employment Security Director, recently announced that the wage base on which Employment Security taxes will be paid during the 1985 tax year, which begins January 1, will be $10,600. The wage base for T.D.I. contributions will be $10,400.

The 1985 taxable wage bases for the Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance programs are equal to 70 percent of the 1983 annual average wage earned by workers covered by the Employment Security and Temporary Disability Insurance Acts, respectively — rounded upward to the next even multiple of $200. The 1983 average annual wage for workers covered by the E.S. Act was $14,888; the average annual wage for T.D.I. covered workers was $14,779.

It should also be noted that Experience Rating Schedule I will continue to be in effect for 1985. Tax rates in this schedule range from 2.8 to 6.0 percent of an employer's taxable payroll. Employers will be notified of their individual unemployment insurance tax rates prior to next April 1. The employee tax rate for Temporary Disability Insurance will remain at 1.2 percent of the new T.D.I. wage base in 1985.

FEDERAL LOAN REPAID

Employers are also reminded that the State Employment Security Fund's outstanding federal loan has now been fully repaid. As a result of this recent action, additional FUTA taxes, otherwise payable by Rhode Island employers by January 31, 1985, will not be imposed. Currently, this additional FUTA tax is equal to 0.6 percent of the first $7,000 in wages paid to each employee.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1984	Sept. 1984	Oct. 1983
Total Placements	1,935-P	2,378	1,639
New Applications	4,494-P	4,029	3,157
New Openings Rec'd.	3,042-P	3,958	2,383

P-Preliminary

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Oct. 1984	Sept. 1984	% Change Sept.1984
Initial Claims	8,925	5,494	+ 62.4
No. of Payments	35,566	34,917	+ 1.9
Amt. of Payments	$4,021,877	$3,759,154	+ 7.0
Exhaustions	802	758	+ 5.8

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Oct. 1984	Sept. 1984
Initial Claims	1,204	1,050
No. of Payments	7,262	7,280
Amount of Payments	$ 746,443	$ 735,949

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Labor Force – Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Oct. 1984	Sept. 1984	Oct. 1983
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Unemployment	22.1	22.5	29.9
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NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1984	Sept. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	42,105	42,155	37,455
Unemployment	1,220	1,275	1,540
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.9	3.0	4.1

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Sept. 1984	Aug. 1984	Sept. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	16,520	16,995	16,040
Unemployment	655	690	895
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	4.1	5.6

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TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	85.1	84.9	84.3	+200	+ 800
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.8	21.9	21.4	- 100	+ 400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	96.2	95.6	93.7	+600	+2,500
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.5	57.1**	57.3	+400	+ 200

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ALL MANUFACTURING	120.9	121.7	118.7	- 800	+2200	$284.25	$275.41	39.7	39.4	$ 7.16	$ 6.99
DURABLE GOODS	81.9	82.7	80.8	- 800	+1100	294.26	279.68	40.2	38.0	7.32	7.36
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 100	268.58	278.87	35.2	39.5	7.63	7.06
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	- 100	314.03	383.67	39.5	43.5	7.95	8.82
PRIMARY METALS	5.9*	6.0	6.1	- 100	- 200	312.20	354.01	37.3	42.6	8.37	8.31
FABRICATED METALS	9.3	9.2	9.2	+ 100	+ 100	261.20	244.69	40.0	37.3	6.53	6.56
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.8*	6.8*	6.5*	0	+ 300	421.82	362.39	45.9	40.4	9.19	8.97
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TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.7	9.6	9.0	+ 100	+ 700	421.74	367.32	42.6	40.1	9.90	9.16
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ 100	293.23	306.94	41.3	43.6	7.10	7.04
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	24.2	23.9	24.1	+ 300	+ 100	217.28	206.93	38.8	37.9	5.60	5.46
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.6	5.8	5.2	- 200	+ 400	275.77	262.86	40.2	41.2	6.86	6.38
NONDURABLE GOODS	39.0	39.0	37.9	0	+1100	274.89	270.09	38.5	39.2	7.14	6.89
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.5	3.4	3.3	+ 100	+ 200	233.47	200.47	37.0	33.3	6.31	6.02
TEXTILES	11.0	11.0	11.0	0	0	256.35	246.98	38.9	39.9	6.59	6.19
APPAREL	3.3	3.4	3.3	- 100	0	214.76	218.50	36.4	38.4	5.90	5.69
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0	227.79	244.51	37.1	39.5	6.14	6.19
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 200	411.67	391.26	38.8	38.7	10.61	10.11
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.2	2.9	0	+ 300	375.97	358.91	41.0	37.9	9.17	9.47
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.5	1.6	1.3	- 100	+ 200	285.22	287.32	38.7	41.4	7.37	6.94
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.2	5.1	5.0	+ 100	+ 200	273.80	280.19	37.1	40.2	7.38	6.97
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.9	2.9	2.9	0	0	207.48	216.52	42.0	41.8	4.94	5.18

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Equipment each added 100. The remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change during this period. On an annual basis, the largest employment increases in Durable Goods were reported in Transportation Equipment (+700), Miscellaneous Manufacturing (+400) and Nonelectrical Machinery (+300). Lumber/Furniture, Fabricated Metals, Instruments and Jewelry/Silverware posted gains of 100 each compared to their October 1983 levels. Annual job declines occurred in Electrical Machinery (-400), Primary Metals (-200), and Stone-Clay-Glass (-100).

In the Nondurable Goods producing sector decreases in Apparel and Rubber Products (-100 each) were offset by increases in Food-Beverage and Plastics Products (+100 each). The remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from their September levels.

Compared to October 1983, an increase of 300 workers was reported in Chemical Products. Food-Beverage, Printing/Publishing, Rubber Products and Plastics Products each showed an annual gain of 200 jobs. The remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from their year ago employment levels.

NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island Nonmanufacturing establishments rose by 800 from September to October, primarily due to continued growth in the Service category. The October total of 287,700 is also 5,100 above the year ago level of 282,600.

Within this sector, Service posted the largest monthly job gain as it rose by 600 to reach 96,200 in October, which was 2,500 above its year ago level. Government, at 57,500, was up 400 from September and was 200 higher than in October 1983. Trade posted a monthly gain of 200, increasing to 85,100, which was up 800 from October 1983.

Transportation and Public Utilities, at 13,600, declined 200 from its September level but was 200 above the total recorded one year ago. The current Contract Construction employment level of 13,500 represents a decrease of 100 from September but is 1,000 above its October 1983 level. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate fell 100 from its September total to 21,800, but this figure is 400 jobs higher than reported a year ago in October.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 1 cent to $7.16 in October; this represents a gain of 17 cents per hour compared to a year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.6 of an hour in October to 39.7 hours, but was 0.3 of an hour greater than the October 1983 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in October amounted to $284.25. While this represents a decrease of $3.90 from last month, it is $8.84 more than was reported in October of last year.

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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 1,000 IN NOVEMBER TO 409,600

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island rose by 1,000 in November, reaching a record high level of 409,600. The monthly increase was primarily the result of gains in the Manufacturing sector, reported Mary C. Hackett, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 409,600 in November. This represents an increase of 1,000 jobs over the October level of 408,600 and is 7.900 above the November 1983 figure of 401,700.

MANUFACTURING

Total Manufacturing employment increased by 1,000 in the October-November period, largely due to the resumption of operations at a plant which was temporarily closed in October. The current Manufacturing figure of 121,900 is 2,700 greater than the November 1983 level of 119,200. In the Durable Goods category, the November employment figure of 83,200 was up 1,300 from the October level, and was 2,200 above the total recorded one year ago in November. The Nondurable Goods employment level of 38,700 was 300 below the October total, but was up 500 compared to November 1983.

Within the Durable Goods sector, the largest monthly increase was posted in Electrical Machinery (+1,200) due to the reopening of a temporarily closed plant. Jewelry-Silverware and Miscellaneous Manufacturing each added 100, while Primary Metals decreased by 100 jobs. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their October employment levels. On an annual basis, the largest gains were posted in Electrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment

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SEASONS GREETINGS AND A WORD OF THANKS TO RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

Mary C. Hackett, Director, and the staff of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security take this opportunity to extend holiday greetings to the Rhode Island employer community and to all readers of the Employment Bulletin.

A special word of thanks is extended to those employers who assist the Department to determine trends in the State's economy by providing essential employment information each month. Such key indicators as employment levels, weekly production hours and worker earnings become the basis for both state and national reports and statistics prepared and published by this Department.

The Department of Employment Security will continue its efforts to publish accurate and timely data every month to assist users of the Employment Bulletin in reaching decisions and planning for future employment needs. *To all, a Happy and Prosperous New Year.*

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1984-P	Oct. 1984-P	Nov. 1983
Total Placements	1,858	1,935	1,639
New Applications	3,664	4,494	3,157
New Openings Rec'd.	2,090	3,042	2,383

P-Preliminary

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	% Change Oct. 1984
Initial Claims	9,935	8,925	+ 11.3
No. of Payments	39,542	35,566	+ 11.2
Amt. of Payments	$4,518,183	$4 021,877	+ 12.3
Exhaustions	764	802	- 4.7

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984
Initial Claims	1,085	1,204
No. of Payments	6,590	7,262
Amount of Payments	$ 682,638	$ 746,443

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	504.7	500.6	476.3
Unemployment	22.4	22.1	29.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.4	4.4	6.2
Seas. Adjusted Rate	5.2	5.2	7.1

PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Oct. 1984	Sept. 1984	Oct. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	484.8	481.7	467.1
Unemployment	21.7	23.2	30.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.5	4.8	6.5

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Oct. 1984	Sept. 1984	Oct. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	41,625	42,105	37,090
Unemployment	1,295	1,220	1,690
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.1	2.9	4.6

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Oct. 1984	Sept. 1984	Oct. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	15,785	16,520	15,255
Unemployment	765	655	920
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.8	4.0	6.0

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
NOVEMBER 19 - 23, 1984

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	10,150	100.0
Men	4,816	47.4
Under 45	3,364	69.9
45 and over	1,452	30.1
Women	5,334	52.6
Under 45	3,497	65.6
45 and over	1,837	34.4
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	904	8.9
Manufacturing	5,201	51.2
Public Utilities	503	5.0
Wholesale and Retail	1,348	13.3
Finance-Insurance & Real Estate	386	3.8
Service	1,289	12.7
All Other	519	5.1
Occupational Skills		
Prof. Tech. and Managerial	1,260	12.4
Clerical and Sales	1,986	19.6
Service	948	9.3
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	222	2.2
Processing	460	4.5
Machine Trades	1,408	13.9
Bench Work	1,645	16.2
Structural Work	1,037	10.2
Miscellaneous	1,126	11.1
INA	58	0.6

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	409.6	408.6	401.7	+1,000	+7,900
MANUFACTURING	121.9	120.9	119.2	+1,000	+2,700
NONMANUFACTURING	287.7	287.7	282.5	-	+5,200
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.2	13.5	12.3	- 300	+ 900
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.6	13.6	13.4	-	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	85.4	85.1	84.4	+ 300	+1,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.8	21.8	21.3	-	+ 500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	96.1	96.2	93.7	- 100	+2,400
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.6	57.5	57.4	+ 100	+ 200

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1983
ALL MANUFACTURING	121.9	120.9	119.2	+1000	+2700	$287.28	$278.48	39.9	39.5	$ 7.20	$ 7.05
DURABLE GOODS	83.2	81.9	81.0	+1300	+2200	297.52	283.38	40.7	39.8	7.31	7.12
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 100	270.51	276.83	35.5	39.1	7.62	7.08
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0	365.40	382.93	40.6	42.5	9.00	9.01
PRIMARY METALS	5.8*	5.9*	6.0	- 100	- 200	304.51	360.26	36.6	43.3	8.32	8.32
FABRICATED METALS	9.3	9.3	9.2	0	+ 100	260.65	244.35	40.1	36.8	6.50	6.64
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.8*	6.8*	6.5*	0	+ 300	423.66	359.16	46.1	40.4	9.19	8.89
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.9	10.7	11.2	+1200	+ 700	247.93	262.09	38.8	38.6	6.39	6.79
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.7	9.7	9.0	0	+ 700	435.56	412.44	43.6	42.0	9.99	9.82
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ 100	308.73	315.59	43.3	44.2	7.13	7.14
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	24.3	24.2	24.3	+ 100	0	218.18	209.44	39.1	38.5	5.58	5.44
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.7	5.6	5.3	+ 100	+ 400	287.87	238.13	41.6	38.1	6.92	6.25
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.7	39.0	38.2	- 300	+ 500	277.81	272.44	38.8	39.2	7.16	6.95
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.6	3.5	3.4	+ 100	+ 200	209.90	216.94	32.9	34.6	6.38	6.27
TEXTILES	10.9	11.0	11.1	- 100	- 200	273.06	258.49	41.0	40.9	6.66	6.32
APPAREL	3.2	3.3	3.4	- 100	- 200	236.81	223.49	39.8	38.8	5.95	5.76
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0	228.00	243.32	37.5	39.5	6.08	6.16
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 200	409.04	389.91	38.3	37.6	10.68	10.37
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.2	3.0	- 100	+ 100	384.50	359.29	41.3	38.8	9.31	9.26
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.5	1.5	1.3	0	+ 200	279.85	260.63	38.6	37.5	7.25	6.95
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.2	5.0	- 100	+ 100	256.93	271.83	35.1	39.0	7.32	6.97
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	+ 100	208.74	212.38	42.6	41.0	4.90	5.18

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(+700 each). Miscellaneous Manufacturing was up 400 and Nonelectrical Machinery increased 300 from its year ago level. Annual employment gains were also recorded in Lumber/Furniture, Fabricated Metals, and Instruments (+100 each). The only decrease over the year was posted by Primary Metals (-200). Stone-Clay-Glass and Jewelry-Silverware remained unchanged from their November 1983 employment totals.

In the Nondurable Goods producing sector, the only monthly job increase (+100) occurred in Food-Beverage. Employment decreases of 100 each were reported in Textiles, Apparel, Chemical Products and Plastics Products. The remaining Nondurable Goods Industries were unchanged from their October employment levels. Compared to November 1983, the largest gains in Nondurable Goods were posted in Food-Beverage, Printing-Publishing and Rubber Products (+200 each). Annual employment increases were also recorded in Chemical Products, Plastics Products and Leather Products (+100 each). Textiles and Apparel each decreased 200 jobs over the year. Paper Products remained unchanged from its November 1983 employment level.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing industries remained unchanged from October to November. However, the November total of 287,700 is 5,200 jobs greater than the year ago employment level of 282,500.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the largest monthly gain (+300) was recorded in Wholesale and Retail Trade, primarily due to pre-holiday hiring; the Wholesale and Retail Trade employment total of 85,400 was also 1,000 higher than reported a year ago in November. Government, at 57,600, registered a slight monthly gain of 100 and an annual increase of 200 jobs. Both Transportation and Public Utilities, at 13,600, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 21,800, remained unchanged from October to November. However, compared to a year ago, the former was up 200 and the latter gained 500 jobs. Seasonal decreases reduced Contract Construction employment by 300 from October, but the current total of 13,200 is 900 jobs greater than the year ago level. Similarly, Service employment at 96,100, decreased 100 for the month but was up 2,400 compared to last November.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 4 cents to $7.20 in November; this represents a gain of 15 cents per hour compared to a year ago. The average work week increased by 0.2 of an hour in November to 39.9 hours, which was 0.4 of an hour greater than the November 1983 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in November amounted to $287.28, representing an increase of $3.03 from last month, and $8.80 from November of last year.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT TOTALS 408,700 IN DECEMBER

Total Rhode Island employment declined in December as pre-holiday gains in Wholesale and Retail Trade were more than offset by decreases in the Manufacturing, Service, and Construction sectors, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 408,700 in December. While this figure represents a decline of 900 from the November level of 409,600, it is still 8,200 above the December 1983 total of 400,500.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island decreased seasonally by 1,000 in December. However, the current factory job figure of 120,900 represents a gain of 2,800 over the total of 118,100 reported a year ago this month. Employment in the Durable Goods sector decreased by 1,100 to 82,100, but was up 2,200 over December 1983. The Nondurable Goods total of 38,800 was 100 above November, and was up by 600 since December of last year.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly decreases were posted in Jewelry/Silverware (-800), Miscellaneous Manufacturing (-200) and Fabricated Metals (-100). The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their November employment levels. On an annual basis, the largest increase in the number of jobs was posted in Electrical Machinery (+700), followed by Transportation Equipment (+600) and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (+500).

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DEPARTMENT WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

John S. Renza was appointed Director of the R.I. Department of Employment Security effective January 1, 1985 by Governor Edward D. DiPrete. Mr. Renza is a native of Providence, a World War II veteran and a Licensed Public Accountant. He holds a Master's degree in Education from Rhode Island College.

The new Director was an Associate Professor of Accounting and Mathematics at Bryant College from 1946 through 1967, has lectured at the University of Rhode Island and Community College of R.I. and conducted courses for the U.S. Navy and at Northeastern University. From 1967 to 1971 he served as Vice President for Financial Affairs and Executive Assistant to the President of Salve Regina College, Newport.

Prior to being named to his current post Mr. Renza held the position of Business Administrator for the Cranston Public Schools system for thirteen years. He maintains membership in several national and local professional organizations and civic groups. He resides in Cranston with his wife, Marie.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1984-P	Nov. 1984-P	Dec. 1983
Total Placements	1,556	1,858	1,112
New Applications	3,378	3,664	2,636
New Openings Rec'd.	1,627	2,090	2,083

P-Preliminary

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	% Change Nov. 1984
Initial Claims	21,726	9,935	+ 118.7
No. of Payments	45,664	39,542	+ 15.5
Amt. of Payments	$5,283,669	$4,518,183	+ 16.9
Exhaustions	854	764	+ 11.8

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984
Initial Claims	1,246	1,085
No. of Payments	6,794	6,590
Amount of Payments	$ 707,268	$ 682,638

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	503.0	504.7	477.2
Unemployment	22.5	22.4	32.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.5	4.4	6.7
Seas. Adjusted Rate	4.7	5.2	7.0

PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	490.0	484.8	467.2
Unemployment	22.2	21.7	29.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.5	4.5	6.2

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	41,150	41,625	36,815
Unemployment	1,145	1,295	1,935
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.8	3.1	5.3

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Nov. 1984	Oct. 1984	Nov. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	15,420	15,785	15,005
Unemployment	725	765	890
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.7	4.8	5.9

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U.S. Department of Labor. These classifications are effective through September 30, 1985. Establishments located in the following Rhode Island towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol

Central Falls

Coventry

East Providence

Johnston

New Shoreham

Pawtucket

Providence

Warren

West Warwick

Woonsocket

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	408.7	409.6	400.5	- 900	+8,200
MANUFACTURING	120.9	121.9	118.1	- 1,000	+2,800
NONMANUFACTURING	287.8	287.7	282.4	+ 100	+5,400
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.0	13.2	11.8	- 200	+1,200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.5	13.6	13.3	- 100	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	86.1	85.4	85.1	+ 700	+1,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	21.9	21.8	21.3	+ 100	+ 600
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	95.6**	96.1	93.5	- 500	+2,100
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.7	57.6	57.4	+ 100	+ 300

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1983	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1983	Dec. 1984	Dec. 1983
ALL MANUFACTURING	120.9	121.9	118.1	-1000	+2800	292.09	283.79	40.4	40.6	7.23	6.99
DURABLE GOODS	82.1	83.2	79.9	-1100	+2200	302.58	288.46	41.0	40.4	7.38	7.14
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 100	276.68	280.85	35.7	39.5	7.75	7.11
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	2.2	2.2	2.2	0	0	371.21	364.59	41.2	40.6	9.01	8.98
PRIMARY METALS	5.8	5.8	6.0	0	- 200	310.06	349.42	37.0	41.4	8.38	8.44
FABRICATED METALS	9.2	9.3	9.1	- 100	+ 100	268.79	262.13	41.1	39.3	6.54	6.67
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.8*	6.8*	6.5*	0	+ 300	438.03	380.64	47.1	42.2	9.30	9.02
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.9	11.9	11.2	0	+ 700	249.70	279.76	39.2	40.9	6.37	6.84
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.7	9.7	9.1	0	+ 600	433.70	432.13	43.5	43.3	9.97	9.98
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	4.8	4.7	0	+ 100	293.44	309.31	41.8	43.2	7.02	7.16
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	23.5	24.3	23.5	- 800	0	222.48	199.26	39.1	36.9	5.69	5.40
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.5	5.7	5.0	- 200	+ 500	302.50	245.95	43.4	36.6	6.97	6.72
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.8	38.7	38.2	+ 100	+ 600	276.05	279.75	39.1	41.2	7.06	6.79
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.7	3.6	3.4	+ 100	+ 300	225.69	231.55	35.1	38.4	6.43	6.03
TEXTILES	10.9	10.9	11.1	0	- 200	263.74	261.66	40.7	41.6	6.48	6.29
APPAREL	3.3	3.2	3.4	+ 100	- 100	239.00	229.39	40.1	40.6	5.96	5.65
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.5	2.5	0	0	247.60	262.29	40.0	41.9	6.19	6.26
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	5.9	5.9	5.7	0	+ 200	386.45	350.12	36.7	35.8	10.53	9.78
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.1	3.1	0	0	387.58	352.04	41.9	38.1	9.25	9.24
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.5	1.5	1.3	0	+ 200	273.93	330.62	38.8	46.5	7.06	7.11
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.0	5.1	5.0	- 100	0	252.70	278.29	35.0	40.1	7.22	6.94
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	+ 200	216.07	283.93	43.3	56.9	4.99	4.99

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Also up from their year ago levels were Nonelectrical Machinery (+300) and Lumber/Furniture, Fabricated Metals, and Instruments (+100 each). Primary Metals declined by 200, while Stone-Clay-Glass and Jewelry/Silverware employment remained unchanged from December 1983.

In the Nondurable Goods producing sector, monthly job increases of 100 each were reported in Food-Beverage and Apparel. Plastics Products declined by 100 from November to December, while the remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged during this period. On an annual comparison, the largest employment increase was reported in Food-Beverage (+300). Printing/Publishing, Rubber Products, and Leather Products each gained 200 jobs from one year ago. Annual declines occurred in Textiles (-200) and Apparel (-100). Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change from last December's levels.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing industries increased 100 from November to December, primarily due to continued seasonal hiring in Wholesale and Retail Trade, which offset declines in several other categories. The December Nonmanufacturing total of 287,800 is also 5,400 jobs above the December 1983 level of 282,400.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the largest monthly increase occurred in Wholesale and Retail Trade (+700) as more holiday season workers were added. At 86,100, Trade was up 1,000 from the previous December. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 21,900 and Government, at 57,700, each recorded a monthly gain of 100 workers. The former was up 600 and the latter was up 300 compared to last December. Service employment, at 95,600, declined 500 from its November level, largely due to a labor dispute. However, this figure is 2,100 higher than the total recorded one year ago in December. Seasonal decreases reduced Contract Construction payrolls by 200 from November's level, but the current total of 13,000 is 1,200 jobs greater than a year earlier. Transportation and Public Utilities employment, at 13,500, posted a monthly decrease of 100; however, this figure reflects an annual increase of 200 workers.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 3 cents to $7.23 in December; this represents a gain of 24 cents per hour compared to a year ago. The average work week increased by 0.5 of an hour in December to 40.4 hours, which was 0.2 of an hour less than the December 1983 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in December amounted to $292.09, representing an increase of $4.81 from last month, and $8.30 from December of last year.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT DECLINES TO 411,100 IN JANUARY

Overall employment in Rhode Island fell in January due primarily to sharp seasonal decreases in the Trade, Construction, and Jewelry/Silverware sectors of the State's economy, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 411,100 in January. While this figure represents a loss of 7,300 jobs from the December level of 418,400, it is 10,200 above the January 1984 total of 400,900.

EMPLOYMENT ESTIMATES REVISED

Published estimates for 1983 and 1984 have been revised to a first quarter 1984 benchmark. Current figures reflect data on new firms, expansion or contraction in existing firms not sampled, as well as noncovered establishments, and also reflect changes in assigned industrial coding caused by product or service changes occurring in 1983-1984.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island declined by 1,700 in January to a level of 119,000. This figure, however, represents a gain of 800 over the total of 118,200 reported in January 1984. In the Durable Goods sector, the January employment total of 80,600 was down 1,300 from the December level, but was 200 above the total recorded a year ago this month. The Nondurable Goods level of 38,400 was 400 below December, but was up 600 over January 1984.

Within the Durable Goods category, Jewelry/Silverware registered the largest monthly decline (-700). Electrical

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EMPLOYERS!

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE CAN HELP YOU

During 1984 the Rhode Island Job Service assisted many employers in filling their job openings. In the calendar year ending December 31, 1984 over 56% of all the job openings listed by employers with the Job Service were filled. A total of 21,212 job placements were made during that twelve-month period. Youth under age 22 accounted for nearly 48% of these placements and another 11% were veterans, including nearly twelve hundred Vietnam-era veterans.

The Job Service is also responsive to the needs of job applicants who experience barriers to employment. More than 600 of the total placements were handicapped job-seekers, another 15% were members of minority groups and 10% of all the individuals placed were 40 years of age or older.

The Job Service is an experienced public employment agency and its trained professional staff can help you fill the openings in your work force. The Job Bank is a computerized listing of job openings statewide. If you need workers call the Job Bank at 277-3588 (or toll-free Enterprise 2265). There is never a fee for using the R.I. Job Service. The Job Service operates a system of twelve local offices throughout Rhode Island. There's one near you. See the listing on page 2 of this Bulletin. Job Service – Jobs for people and people for jobs.

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT, 5 Harrison Avenue 847-2038
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PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction 277-3556
Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5290
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

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Project STEADY. 277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1985-P	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984
Total Placements	1,710	1,338	1,272
New Applications	4,639	3,266	3,999
New Openings Rec'd.	2,185	1,893	2,710

P-Preliminary

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	% Change Dec. 1984
Initial Claims	15,087	21,726	- 30.6
No. of Payments	77,479	45,664	+ 69.7
Amt. of Payments	$9,166,886	$5,283,669	+ 73.5
Exhaustions	978	854	+ 14.5

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984
Initial Claims	1,386	1,246
No. of Payments	7,727	6,794
Amount of Payments	$ 809,893	$ 707,268

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force — Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	491.8	503.0	477.2
Unemployment	25.9	22.5	38.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.3	4.5	8.0
Seas. Adjusted Rate	4.8	4.7	7.2

PROVIDENCE-WARWICK-PAWTUCKET Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	488.1	490.0	469.0
Unemployment	22.6	22.2	32.5
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.6	4.5	6.9

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	40,820	41,150	36,465
Unemployment	1,205	1,145	1,970
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.0	2.8	5.4

WESTERLY Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Dec. 1984	Nov. 1984	Dec. 1983
Civilian Labor Force	15,385	15,420	15,045
Unemployment	760	725	1,015
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.9	4.7	6.7

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U.S. Department of Labor. These classifications are effective through September 30, 1985. Establishments located in the following Rhode Island towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol

Central Falls

Coventry

East Providence

Johnston

New Shoreham

Pawtucket

Providence

Warren

West Warwick

Woonsocket

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	411.1	418.4	400.9	- 7,300	+ 10,200
MANUFACTURING	119.0	120.7	118.2	- 1,700	+ 800
NONMANUFACTURING	292.1	297.7	282.7	- 5,600	+ 9,400
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	11.2	12.6	10.8	- 1,400	+ 400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.4	13.8	13.2	- 400	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	88.4	91.3	84.4	- 2,900	+ 4,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.6	23.7	22.2	- 100	+ 1,400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	97.6	97.9**	94.6	- 300	+ 3,000
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.9	58.4	57.5	- 500	+ 400

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Jan. 1985	Dec.. 1984	Jan. 1984	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1984	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1984	Jan. 1985	Jan. 1984
ALL MANUFACTURING	119.0	120.7	118.2	-1700	+ 800	$ 302.50	$ 287.64	41.1	40.8	$ 7.36	$ 7.05
DURABLE GOODS	80.6	81.9	80.4	-1300	+ 200	304.06	291.51	41.2	41.0	7.38	7.11
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.8	2.8	- 100	- 100	297.70	285.05	39.8	39.7	7.48	7.18
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.8	1.9	1.7	- 100	+ 100	374.74	366.21	41.0	40.6	9.14	9.02
PRIMARY METALS	6.1*	6.1*	6.1	0	0	385.00	362.53	43.8	42.5	8.79	8.53
FABRICATED METALS	9.4	9.5	9.6	- 100	- 200	262.28	226.07	39.8	36.7	6.59	6.16
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1*	6.1*	6.2*	0	- 100	417.49	378.38	43.9	42.9	9.51	8.82
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.2	12.4	12.0	- 200	+ 200	283.71	257.28	41.6	40.2	6.82	6.40
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	10.1	10.1	9.3	0	+ 800	432.48	407.18	42.4	40.8	10.20	9.98
INSTRUMENTS	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0	298.08	299.64	41.4	43.3	7.20	6.92
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.4	23.1	22.8	- 700	- 400	238.20	206.75	39.9	36.4	5.97	5.68
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	4.9	5.0	5.0	- 100	- 100	226.77	217.73	34.1	33.6	6.65	6.48
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.4	38.8	37.8	- 400	+ 600	295.25	278.07	40.5	40.3	7.29	6.90
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.6	3.7	3.3	- 100	+ 300	231.47	212.26	36.8	35.2	6.29	6.03
TEXTILES	10.9	10.9	11.1	0	- 200	310.31	307.69	40.3	41.3	7.70	7.45
APPAREL	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	0	252.53	232.70	40.6	38.4	6.22	6.06
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.9	2.6	- 200	+ 100	281.79	275.04	41.5	41.8	6.79	6.58
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.0	6.1	5.8	- 100	+ 200	397.94	369.95	38.3	35.0	10.39	10.57
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0	403.76	362.70	41.2	39.0	9.80	9.30
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0	302.52	304.01	41.9	42.4	7.22	7.17
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.0	5.0	4.9	0	+ 100	286.52	265.36	37.9	36.4	7.56	7.29
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	+ 100	213.30	199.90	39.5	39.9	5.40	5.01

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Machinery decreased by 200, while Lumber/Furniture, Stone-Clay-Glass, Fabricated Metals, and Miscellaneous Manufacturing were each down by 100 jobs. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their December employment levels. On an annual basis, the largest increase was posted in Transportation Equipment (+800), followed by Electrical Machinery (+200) and Stone-Clay-Glass (+100). Annual job declines occurred in Jewelry/Silverware (-400), Fabricated Metals (-200) and Lumber/Furniture, Nonelectrical Machinery and Miscellaneous Manufacturing (-100 each). Primary Metals and Instruments employment remained unchanged from January 1984.

In the Nondurable Goods producing sector, monthly decreases were posted in Paper Products (-200), Food-Beverage (-100) and Printing-Publishing (-100). Employment in the remaining industries in Nondurable Goods was unchanged from the previous month. Compared to last January, the largest advances were reported in Food-Beverage (+300) and Printing-Publishing (+200). Paper Products, Plastics Products, and Leather Products posted gains of 100 each compared to their January 1984 levels. Textiles was the only Nondurable Goods industry experiencing an annual job loss (-200). The remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from their year ago employment totals.

NONMANUFACTURING

Rhode Island employment in the various Nonmanufacturing industries decreased 5,600 jobs from December to January, primarily due to seasonal layoffs in Wholesale and Retail Trade and Contract Construction. However, the January total of 292,100 was 9,400 above the January 1984 level of 282,700.

Wholesale and Retail Trade reflected reduced activity after the holidays as it declined by 2,900 jobs from December to a level of 88,400. This figure, however, represents an annual increase of 4,000 from January 1984.

Also reporting a sizable seasonal drop was the Contract Construction industry, which fell 1,400 jobs to 11,200. Similarly, this was a gain of 400 jobs from one year ago in January. Government, at 57,900, reported a monthly decrease of 500 workers, and Transportation and Public Utilities, at 13,400, recorded a monthly drop of 400. Still, the former was up 400 and the latter was up 200 compared to last January. Although Finance, Insurance and Real Estate decreased by 100 jobs from December, its January total of 23,600 was 1,400 higher than the year earlier figure. Service employment, at 97,600 was down 300 for the month but was up 3,000 from January 1984.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 1 cent to $7.36 in January; this represents a gain of 31 cents per hour compared to a year ago. The average work week increased by 0.1 of an hour in January to 41.1 hours, which was 0.3 of an hour greater than the January 1984 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in January amounted to $302.50, representing an increase of $1.15 from last month, and $14.86 from January of last year. Hours and earnings figures for 1984 have been revised to reflect updated survey data.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT TOTALS 410,200 IN FEBRUARY

Overall Rhode Island employment declined in February primarily due to seasonal decreases in the Nonmanufacturing sector and layoffs in some Manufacturing industries, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 410,200 in February. While this figure represents a decline of 900 from the January level of 411,100, it is still 9,000 jobs above the February 1984 total of 401,200.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island decreased by 500 in February to 118,500. This figure was 300 jobs less than the February 1984 level of 118,800. In the Durable Goods category, the February employment total of 80,200 was down 400 from both the January level and the figure recorded one year ago in February. The current Nondurable Goods employment of 38,300 was 100 jobs below the January total but was 100 above the level of February 1984.

Within the Durable Goods sector, monthly job gains of 100 each were posted in Nonelectrical Machinery and Miscellaneous Manufacturing. Monthly decreases of 200 each were reported in Electrical Machinery and Jewelry/Silverware, while Stone-Clay-Glass and Instruments each declined by 100. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their January employment levels. Compared to a year ago, employment increases occurred in Transportation Equipment (+700) and Stone-Clay-Glass (+100). Annual job declines were recorded in Jewelry/Silverware (-900) and Lumber/Furniture, Electrical Machinery, and Instruments (-100 each). The remaining Dur-

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EMPLOYERS! HELP YOURSELF BY HELPING YOUTH THIS SUMMER

This summer you can give a young person the chance of a life-time – for a life – time of success.

Your firm or business can save in taxes by taking a credit for hiring young people for summer jobs. The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit allows you to give young people an opportunity for a job and give your business a tax break at the same time.

By hiring an eligible young person between May 1 and September 15 you can earn a tax credit of 85% of the first $3,000 paid in wages to each eligible employee for up to 90 days.

To be eligible, the youth must be:

- *16-17 years of age*
- *Economically disadvantaged*
- *First-time employee of your company*

The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit program is different and it's easy. Only two simple forms are used to establish the new worker's eligibility for the credit. The Rhode Island Job Service will do the determination for you.

List your TJTC Summer Youth job orders with the Rhode Island Job Service. Call 277-3588 or any local office listed on page two of this Bulletin.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
Total Placements	916	1,751	1,163
New Applications	4,049	4,674	3,902
New Openings Rec'd.	1,541	2,419	1,958

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1985	Jan 1985	% Change Jan. 1985
Initial Claims	10,301	15,807	- 34.8
No. of Payments	71,743	77,479	- 7.4
Amt. of Payments	$ 8,653,366	$ 9,166,886	- 5.6
Exhaustions	990	978	+ 1.2

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985
Initial Claims	1,224	1,386
No. of Payments	6,892	7,727
Amount of Payments	$ 733,493	$ 809,893

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force—Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	488.8	491.8	481.6
Unemployment	27.6	25.9	33.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.6	5.3	6.9
Seas. Adjusted Rate	4.9	4.8	5.9

Beginning with this issue of the Rhode Island Employment Bulletin, labor force and unemployment statistics for the Providence Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) and the Pawtucket-Woonsocket-Attleboro PMSA are included. The definitions of these areas were recently established by the Office of Management and Budget, based on data from the 1980 Census. A list of the cities and towns in these areas is available upon request from the Labor Market Information Section of this Department, which is located at 24 Mason Street, Providence, RI 02903.

PROVIDENCE PMSA
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(in thousands)

	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	329.7	334.1	323.8
Unemployment	16.3	17.3	22.2
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.9	5.2	6.9

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO PMSA
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(in thousands)

	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	138.0	137.5	137.7
Unemployment	9.5	8.4	13.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.9	6.1	9.5

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Jan. 1985	Dec. 1984	Jan. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	38,995	39,320	36,290
Unemployment	1,430	1,415	2,065
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.7	3.6	5.7

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
FEBRUARY 18-22. 1985

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	19,658	100.0
Men	11,858	60.3
Under 45	8,968	75.6
45 and over	2,890	24.4
Women	7,800	39.7
Under 45	4,769	61.1
45 and over	3,031	38.9
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	4,148	21.1
Manufacturing	8,455	43.0
Public Utilities	638	3.2
Wholesale and Retail	2,198	11.2
Finance-Insurance & Real Estate	213	1.1
Service	1,950	9.9
All Other	2,056	10.5
Occupational Skills		
Prof. Tech. and Managerial	1,294	6.6
Clerical and Sales	1,967	10.0
Service	1,648	8.4
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	780	4.0
Processing	869	4.4
Machine Trades	1,879	9.5
Bench Work	3,297	16.8
Structural Work	4,467	22.7
Miscellaneous	2,127	10.8
INA	1,330	6.8

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	410.2	411.1	401.2	- 900	+ 9,000
MANUFACTURING	118.5	119.0	118.8	- 500	- 300
NONMANUFACTURING	291.7	292.1	282.4	- 400	+ 9,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	10.9	11.2	10.4	- 300	+ 500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.4	13.4	13.3	-	+ 100
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	87.7	88.4	83.8	- 700	+ 3,900
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.7	23.6	22.1	+ 100	+ 1,600
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	98.2	97.6	95.0	+ 600	+ 3,200
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.8	57.9	57.8	- 100	-

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1984	Feb. 1985	Feb. 1984
ALL MANUFACTURING	118.5	119.0	118.8	- 500	- 300	$300.21	$296.49	40.9	41.7	$ 7.34	$ 7.11
DURABLE GOODS	80.2	80.6	80.6	- 400	- 400	300.12	304.59	41.0	42.6	7.32	7.15
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 100	303.16	285.57	40.1	38.8	7.56	7.36
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.8	1.6	- 100	+ 100	372.50	375.99	40.8	41.5	9.13	9.06
PRIMARY METALS	6.1*	6.1*	6.1	0	0	394.27	362.88	44.5	43.2	8.86	8.40
FABRICATED METALS	9.4	9.4	9.4	0	0	263.60	256.71	40.0	40.3	6.59	6.37
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.2*	6.1*	6.2*	+ 100	0	417.69	386.30	44.2	43.6	9.45	8.86
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.0	12.2	12.1	- 200	- 100	278.10	266.90	41.2	41.9	6.75	6.37
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	10.1	10.1	9.4	0	+ 700	424.13	412.00	41.5	42.3	10.22	9.74
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	4.9	4.9	- 100	- 100	293.87	310.89	41.1	43.3	7.15	7.18
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.2	22.4	23.1	- 200	- 900	248.80	221.09	40.0	39.2	6.22	5.64
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.0	4.9	5.0	+ 100	0	226.10	218.10	34.0	33.4	6.65	6.53
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.3	38.4	38.2	- 100	+ 100	292.66	281.60	40.2	40.0	7.28	7.04
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.5	3.6	3.3	- 100	+ 200	230.95	226.38	36.6	38.5	6.31	5.88
TEXTILES	11.1	10.9	11.2	+ 200	- 100	311.45	308.58	40.5	41.7	7.69	7.40
APPAREL	3.4	3.5	3.6	- 100	- 200	255.82	248.05	40.8	41.0	6.27	6.05
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 100	274.65	260.94	41.3	40.9	6.65	6.38
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.0	6.0	5.8	0	+ 200	391.33	380.51	37.7	36.8	10.38	10.34
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0	400.98	377.08	41.0	40.2	9.78	9.38
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.3	1.4	+ 100	0	290.34	320.97	41.3	42.4	7.03	7.57
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.9	5.0	4.9	- 100	0	300.70	275.91	38.7	37.9	7.77	7.28
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 100	- 100	211.47	192.47	39.9	37.3	5.30	5.16

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able Goods industries were unchanged from their February 1984 employment totals.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly employment gains were reported in Textiles (+200) and Rubber Products (+100). Employment decreases of 100 each occurred in Food-Beverage, Plastics Products, Apparel and Leather Products. The remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from their January levels. Compared to February 1984, employment increases were posted in Food-Beverage and Printing-Publishing (+200 each) and Paper Products (+100). Annual job declines occurred in Apparel (-200), Textiles (-100) and Leather Products (-100). Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing industries decreased by 400 jobs from January to February, due mainly to continued seasonal layoffs in Wholesale and Retail Trade and Contract Construction. However, the February total of 291,700 was 9,300 above the February 1984 level of 282,400.

The largest monthly increase in the Nonmanufacturing sector was the addition of 600 jobs in the Service category. At 98,200, this segment was up 3,200 from last February. As a result of a monthly job gain of 100, Finance, Insurance and Real Estate employment rose to 23,700, which was 1,600 higher than reported in February 1984. Wholesale and Retail Trade payrolls declined by 700 for the month to a level of 87,700. However, this figure is 3,900 larger than the 83,800 employed in Trade one year ago. Contract Construction jobs decreased by 300 from January, but the February level of 10,900 represents an annual gain of 500. Total Government employment, at 57,800 decreased by 100 from last month but was unchanged compared to a year ago. Transportation and Public Utilities payrolls remained at the January level of 13,400, but this was 100 higher than the February 1984 figure.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers decreased 2 cents to $7.34 in February. However, this represents a gain of 23 cents per hour compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.2 of an hour in February to 40.9 hours and was 0.8 of an hour less than reported in February 1984. Average weekly earnings for these workers in February amounted to $300.21. While this represents a decrease of $2.29 from last month, it is $3.72 more than was reported in February of last year.

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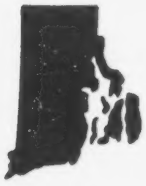

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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 1,800 IN MARCH TO 412,000

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island increased by 1,800 in March, as gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector more than offset a decrease in overall Manufacturing jobs, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 412,000 in March. This represents a gain of 1,800 over the February level of 410,200 and is 8,600 jobs more than the March 1984 total of 403,400.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island declined by 300 in March to 118,200. This figure was also 900 less than the March 1984 level of 119,100. Employment in the Durable Goods sector increased by 100 from February to 80,300, but was down 1,000 compared to March 1984. The current Nondurable Goods employment total of 37,900 was 400 below the February level, but was up 100 over March 1984.

Within the Durable Goods sector, monthly job gains were registered in Jewelry/Silverware (+400) and Stone-Clay-Glass (+100). Monthly decreases of 100 each were reported in Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their February employment levels. On an annual basis, employment increases were posted in Transportation Equipment (+600) and Stone-Clay-Glass (+100). The largest job declines from a year ago were posted in Jewelry/Silverware (-700), Electrical Machinery (-300), and Instruments (-200). Decreases of 100 each were reported in Lumber/Furniture, Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

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JOBS FOR RHODE ISLAND GRADUATES

"OPTIONS '85" JOB FAIRS

"Jobs For Rhode Island Graduates" is a comprehensive fifteen week job-readiness program sponsored by the Rhode Island Job Service and the R.I. Department of Education conducted in high schools throughout the State. The program provides high school seniors with job search skills as they prepare to enter the labor market following graduation. It emphasizes vocational exploration, employment applications, the interview process, employer expectations, etc. Some 1,400 general track and vocational students in thirty-three high schools are currently participating.

The program concludes with "Options '85", a series of job options fairs scheduled at three sites next month:

May 2 CCRI, Flanagan Campus
Lincoln, Rhode Island

May 6 CCRI, Knight Campus
Warwick, Rhode Island

May 7 Roger Williams College
Bristol, Rhode Island

The Options Fair affords an employer the opportunity to screen applicants and discuss potential job openings within their company or organization at whatever site is nearest the company location. The goal of "Options '85" is to have as many employers as possible participate.

All employers interested in participating in these Job Options Fairs are asked to contact the Rhode Island Job Service, Project STEADY Office, at 277-6813 or 723-5911. Employers can make arrangements for exhibits or list job openings.

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RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
NEWPORT, 5 Harrison Avenue 847-2038
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. 722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
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Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
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NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. 231-5290
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road 789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. 737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street. 596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. 828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. 762-9010

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JOB BANK 277-3588
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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
Total Placements	1,126	916	1,366
New Applications	4,831	4,049	3,868
New Openings Rec'd.	2,784	1,541	2,639

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	% Change Feb. 1985
Initial Claims	9,921	10,301	- 3.7
No. of Payments	72,695	71,743	+ 1.3
Amt. of Payments	$ 8,742,309	$ 8,653,366	+ 1.0
Exhaustions	1,244	990	+ 25.7

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985
Initial Claims	1,476	1,224
No. of Payments	7,769	6,892
Amount of Payments	$ 829,378	$ 733,493

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	490.1	488.8	481.8
Unemployment	28.3	27.6	29.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.8	5.6	6.0
Seas. Adjusted Rate	5.3	4.9	5.6

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployed Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	328.1	329.7	324.8
Unemployment	17.8	16.3	21.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.4	4.9	6.7

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	136.6	138.0	137.3
Unemployment	9.5	9.5	12.0
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.0	6.9	8.7

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Feb. 1985	Jan. 1985	Feb. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	38,955	38,995	36,345
Unemployment	1,570	1,430	2,070
Rate (Unadjusted)	4.0	3.7	5.7

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U.S. Department of Labor. These classifications are effective through September 30, 1985. Establishments located in the following Rhode Island towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol

Central Falls

Coventry

East Providence

Johnston

New Shoreham

Pawtucket

Providence

Warren

West Warwick

Woonsocket

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	412.0	410.2	403.4	+ 1,800	+ 8,600
MANUFACTURING	118.2	118.5	119.1	- 300	- 900
NONMANUFACTURING	293.8	291.7	284.3	+ 2,100	+ 9,500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	11.3	10.9	10.8	+ 400	+ 500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.4	13.4	13.2	-	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	88.4	87.7	84.5	+ 700	+ 3,900
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.9	23.7	22.3	+ 200	+ 1,600
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	98.8	98.2	95.5	+ 600	+ 3,300
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.0	57.8	58.0	+ 200	-

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	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1984	Mar. 1985	Mar. 1984
ALL MANUFACTURING	118.2	118.5	119.1	- 300	- 900	$306.77	$299.52	41.4	41.6	$ 7.41	$ 7.20
DURABLE GOODS	80.3	80.2	81.3	+ 100	-1,000	306.69	296.74	41.5	41.1	7.39	7.22
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	- 100	310.84	282.65	40.9	38.3	7.60	7.56
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.8	1.7	1.7	+ 100	+ 100	369.65	368.34	40.8	40.7	9.06	9.05
PRIMARY METALS	6.0*	6.1*	6.1	- 100	- 100	380.62	358.28	43.4	42.5	8.77	8.43
FABRICATED METALS	9.3	9.4	9.4	- 100	- 100	265.60	269.20	40.0	40.3	6.64	6.68
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.1*	6.2*	6.2*	- 100	- 100	414.79	382.55	43.8	42.6	9.47	8.98
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.0	12.0	12.3	0	- 300	286.34	271.26	41.2	41.1	6.95	6.60
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	10.1	10.1	9.5	0	+ 600	434.00	401.44	42.3	41.3	10.25	9.72
INSTRUMENTS	4.7	4.8	4.9	- 100	- 200	316.64	309.60	44.1	43.3	7.18	7.15
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.6	22.2	23.3	+ 400	- 700	246.80	220.41	40.0	38.6	6.17	5.71
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.0	5.0	5.1	0	- 100	234.20	219.26	34.8	34.1	6.73	6.43
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.9	38.3	37.8	- 400	+ 100	293.93	290.79	40.1	40.5	7.33	7.18
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.2	3.5	3.1	- 300	+ 100	241.70	231.11	37.3	38.2	6.48	6.05
TEXTILES	11.1	11.1	11.3	0	- 200	315.82	306.50	41.5	41.7	7.61	7.35
APPAREL	3.3	3.4	3.5	- 100	- 200	251.22	244.61	39.5	40.1	6.36	6.10
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 100	276.45	271.35	41.2	42.2	6.71	6.43
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.0	6.0	5.8	0	+ 200	391.33	374.92	37.7	36.4	10.38	10.30
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.0	0	0	402.70	381.11	40.8	40.5	9.87	9.41
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 100	305.14	311.74	41.8	41.4	7.30	7.53
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0	299.15	292.16	38.6	38.8	7.75	7.53
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0	213.79	199.14	40.8	39.2	5.24	5.08

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. In the Nondurable Goods producing sector, monthly decreases were registered in Food/Beverage (-300) and Apparel (-100). Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from the previous month. On an annual comparison, the largest increase in the number of jobs was reported in Printing/Publishing (+200). Food/Beverage, Paper Products, and Rubber Products each gained 100 jobs from one year ago. Both Textiles and Apparel showed annual decreases of 200. Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from March 1984.

NONMANUFACTURING

Rhode Island employment in the various Nonmanufacturing industries increased 2,100 from February to March, primarily due to hiring in Trade, Services and Construction. The current level of 293,800 also represents an increase of 9,500 jobs over the March 1984 total of 284,300.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the largest monthly increase (+700) occurred in Wholesale and Retail Trade. At 88,400, Trade payrolls were also up 3,900 from the previous March. Employment in the Service industries increased by 600 to a level of 98,800, which was 3,300 higher than in March 1984. Contract Construction employment, at 11,300, reflected a monthly gain of 400 and an annual increase of 500. Both Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, at 23,900, and Government, at 58,000, increased 200 jobs from February to March. Compared to a year ago, the former was up 1,600 and the latter was unchanged. Transportation and Public Utilities employment at 13,400, remained at its February level, but this represents a gain of 200 jobs from a year ago.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production and related workers rose 7 cents in March to $7.41. This represents a 21 cent per hour gain compared to one year ago. The average work week increased by 0.5 of an hour in March to 41.4 hours, but this was 0.2 of an hour less than the March 1984 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in March amounted to $306.77, which was $6.56 higner than last month and $7.25 more than in March of last year.

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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT INCREASES TO 414,200 IN APRIL

Overall Rhode Island employment increased by 2,200 in April, as a slight decrease in Manufacturing jobs was more than offset by gains in the Nonmanufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 414,200 in April. This represents a gain of 2,200 over the March level of 412,000 and is 6,700 more than the April 1984 total of 407,500.

MANUFACTURING

Total Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island decreased by 300 in April to 117,900. This figure was also 2,100 less than the April 1984 level of 120,000. In the Durable Goods category, the April employment total of 80,000 was down 300 from the March level and 2,100 from the figure recorded one year ago in April. The Nondurable Goods employment total of 37,900 remained unchanged from both the March figure and the level of April 1984.

Within the Durable Goods sector, the only monthly job increase (+100) occurred in Transportation Equipment. Employment declines of 100 each were reported in Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, Electrical Machinery and Jewelry/Silverware. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their March employment levels.

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CAN YOU PROVIDE A JOB FOR A TEENAGER THIS SUMMER?

The 17th Annual Governor's Summer Jobs Council for youth 16 to 21 years of age is again being sponsored by the Department of Employment Security and the National Alliance of Business. The primary goal of the effort is to find temporary summer employment for students 16 – 21.

John S. Renza, Employment Security Director, urges all Rhode Island employers to list their 1985 summer job openings with the DES Job Bank as soon as possible. Call the Job Bank at 277-3588 or toll-free Enterprise 2265. Last year's campaign resulted in over 1,500 jobs for young people in the private sector alone.

DES recruits young applicants through schools, community action programs, minority organizations and all local offices of the Rhode Island Job Service. Students are encouraged to visit their local Job Service office for registration and placement.

Employers are reminded that tax credits amounting to 85% of the first $3,000 in wages paid to certain young people are again available in 1985. The young worker must be 16 – 17 years of age, economically disadvantaged and a first-time employee of the firm or business. You must hire the teen between May 1 and September 15.

Job orders for summer workers and for permanent additions to your workforce can be placed with the Job Bank or by calling the nearest office of the Rhode Island Job Service. A listing appears on Page 2 of this Bulletin.

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JOB SERVICE

RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. 245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway 277-3537
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PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services 277-3573
Jewelry 277-3553
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Professional & Clerical 277-3584
Temporary Help 277-3559
NO. KINGSTOWN, 7734 Post Road 294-9923
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WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St.. 762-9010

OTHER JOB SERVICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

JOB BANK 277-3588
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TJTC Information 277-3726
TJTC Job Orders. 277-3588
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Project STEADY. 277-6813

EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984
Total Placements	1,369	1,126	1,349
New Applications	2,327	4,831	3,391
New Openings Rec'd.	2,824	2,784	2,956

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	% Change Mar. 1985
Initial Claims	10,549	9,921	+ 6.3
No. of Payments	66,420	72,695	- 8.6
Amt. of Payments	$ 7,886,578	$ 8,742,309	- 9.8
Exhaustions	1,347	1,244	+ 8.3

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985
Initial Claims	438	1,476
No. of Payments	7,464	7,769
Amount of Payments	$ 804,187	$ 829,378

RHODE ISLAND

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	491.2	490.1	485.3
Unemployment	26.4	28.3	25.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.4	5.8	5.3
Seas. Adjusted Rate	5.2	5.3	5.1

PROVIDENCE

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployed Estimates
(In thousands)

	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	329.0	328.1	325.5
Unemployment	18.3	17.8	18.9
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.6	5.4	5.8

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO

Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	136.5	136.6	136.8
Unemployment	9.7	9.5	10.6
Rate (Unadjusted)	7.1	7.0	7.7

NEWPORT Labor Area

Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	39,160	38,955	36,785
Unemployment	1,470	1,570	2,085
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.8	4.0	5.7

LABOR SURPLUS AREAS

The following cities and towns have been classified as Labor Surplus Areas by the U.S. Department of Labor. These classifications are effective through September 30, 1985. Establishments located in the following Rhode Island towns are eligible for preference in receiving federal contracts.

Bristol

Central Falls

Coventry

East Providence

Johnston

New Shoreham

Pawtucket

Providence

Warren

West Warwick

Woonsocket

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	414.2	412.0	407.5	+ 2,200	+ 6,700
MANUFACTURING	117.9	118.2	120.0	- 300	- 2,100
NONMANUFACTURING	296.3	293.8	287.5	+ 2,500	+ 8,800
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	12.5	11.3	12.2	+ 1,200	+ 300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.5	13.4	13.3	+ 100	+ 200
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	88.7	88.4	85.3	+ 300	+ 3,400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.8	23.9	22.3	- 100	+ 1,500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	99.8	98.8	96.5	+ 1,000	+ 3,300
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.0	58.0	57.9	-	+ 100

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1984	Apr. 1985	Apr. 1984
ALL MANUFACTURING	117.9	118.2	120.0	- 300	- 2100	$311.08	$299.71	41.7	41.8	$ 7.46	$ 7.17
DURABLE GOODS	80.0	80.3	82.1	- 300	- 2100	309.50	302.40	41.6	42.0	7.44	7.20
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.9	0	- 200	312.42	294.40	41.0	40.0	7.62	7.36
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0	365.20	365.48	40.0	42.5	9.13	9.07
PRIMARY METALS	5.9*	6.0*	6.2	- 100	- 300	369.73	353.22	42.4	42.0	8.72	8.41
FABRICATED METALS	9.3	9.3	9.3	0	0	269.17	267.86	39.7	41.4	6.78	6.47
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.0*	6.1*	6.3*	- 100	- 300	410.17	380.70	43.4	42.3	9.45	9.00
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.9	12.0	12.2	- 100	- 300	290.80	260.25	40.9	40.6	7.11	6.41
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	10.2	10.1	9.7	+100	+ 500	431.57	409.63	41.9	42.1	10.30	9.73
INSTRUMENTS	4.7	4.7	5.0	0	- 300	311.90	306.44	43.2	43.1	7.22	7.11
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.5	22.6	23.5	- 100	- 1000	241.47	220.00	39.2	38.8	6.16	5.67
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.0	5.0	5.2	0	- 200	226.38	224.60	34.3	34.5	6.60	6.51
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.9	37.9	37.9	0	0	301.10	290.05	40.8	41.2	7.38	7.04
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 200	241.04	250.63	36.8	40.1	6.55	6.25
TEXTILES	11.0	11.1	11.3	- 100	- 300	314.08	306.49	41.6	42.1	7.55	7.28
APPAREL	3.3	3.3	3.6	0	- 300	240.66	239.00	38.2	39.9	6.30	5.99
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.7	2.5	0	+ 200	273.64	274.30	40.6	42.2	6.74	6.50
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.0	6.0	5.9	0	+ 100	403.97	378.96	38.4	36.9	10.52	10.27
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.1	3.0	3.1	+100	0	396.15	384.61	40.3	40.4	9.83	9.52
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.4	1.3	0	+ 100	319.50	303.48	42.6	40.9	7.50	7.42
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0	303.02	302.06	38.7	40.6	7.83	7.44
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0	215.95	204.93	40.9	40.5	5.28	5.06

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On an annual basis, the only employment increase was posted in Transportation Equipment (+500). The largest job decline was recorded in Jewelry/Silverware (-1,000) followed by Primary Metals, Nonelectrical Machinery, Electrical Machinery and Instruments (-300 each). Lumber/Furniture and Miscellaneous Manufacturing each decreased by 200 while Stone-Clay-Glass and Fabricated Metals were unchanged from April 1984.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, Chemical Products reported a monthly job gain of 100 while Textiles posted a monthly decrease of 100. Employment levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change from last month. Compared to April 1984, employment increases were registered in Food/Beverage and Paper Products (+200 each) and Printing/Publishing and Rubber Products (+100 each). Annual job declines of 300 each occurred in Textiles and Apparel. Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from a year ago.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing industries rose by 2,500 from March to April, primarily due to seasonal payroll expansion in Construction, Services and Trade. The current level of 296,300 also represents an increase of 8,800 jobs over the April 1984 total of 287,500.

The largest monthly increase in the Nonmanufacturing sector was the addition of 1,200 jobs in the Contract Construction industry. At 12,500, this segment was also up 300 from last April. As the result of a monthly job gain of 1,000, Service employment rose to 99,800, which was 3,300 higher than April 1984. Employment in Wholesale and Retail Trade increased by 300 for the month to a level of 88,700, which was 3,400 above the year ago total. Transportation and Public Utilities, at 13,500, registered a monthly job gain of 100 and an annual increase of 200. Total Government employment, at 58,000, remained unchanged from March but was up 100 over April 1984. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate decreased by 100 from March, but the April payroll level represents an annual gain of 1,500.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers rose 5 cents in April to $7.46. This represents a 29 cent per hour gain compared to one year ago. The average work week increased by 0.3 of an hour in April to 41.7 hours, but this was 0.1 of an hour less than the April 1984 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in April amounted to $311.08, which was $4.31 higher than last month and $11.37 more than in April of last year.

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RHODE ISLAND JOBS INCREASE BY 3,400 IN MAY TO 417,600

Total establishment employment in Rhode Island rose by 3,400 in May, due almost entirely to gains occurring in the Nonmanufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 417,600 in May. This represents a gain of 3,400 over the April level of 414,200 and is 3,700 jobs more than the May 1984 total of 413,900.

MANUFACTURING

Overall Manufacturing employment in Rhode Island increased by 100 in May to 118,000. However, this figure was 2,600 jobs less than the May 1984 level of 120,600. In the Durable Goods category, the May employment total of 80,000 was unchanged from the April level and was down 2,200 from the figure recorded one year ago in May. The current Nondurable Goods employment of 38,000 was 100 jobs above the April total but was 400 below the level of May 1984.

Within the Durable Goods category, a monthly increase of 100 in Instruments was offset by a monthly decrease of 100 in Nonelectrical Machinery. The remaining Durable Goods industries were unchanged from their April employment levels. Compared to a year ago, the only

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JOB OPENINGS WANTED FOR THE CLASS OF '85

Department of Employment Security Director John S. Renza urges Rhode Island employers with job openings to take a few moments and consider hiring from the Class of '85 – those young men and women graduating from college, from business and vocational schools and from high schools who are looking for their first job. These young people are eager to join the ranks of wage earners and contributors to Rhode Island's economy – and they are looking to you for that first opportunity.

The twelve local offices of the Rhode Island Job Service are prepared to process applications for the graduates and to evaluate their abilities, aptitudes and interests in order to match the job-seeker to the needs of the employer.

Rhode Island employers are reminded that job orders can be listed with the Job Bank – 277-3588 or toll-free Enterprise 2265. Job Bank listings receive next-day statewide exposure. Employers may also list job openings with the nearest Job Service office. A listing appears on page two of this Bulletin.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984
Total Placements	1,370	1,369	1,731
New Applications	2,757	2,827	4,328
New Openings Rec'd.	3,159	2,824	3,654

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	May 1985	Apr. 1985	% Change Apr. 1985
Initial Claims	8,789	10,549	- 16.7
No. of Payments	58,415	66,420	- 12.1
Amt. of Payments	$6,839,729	$7,886,578	- 13.3
Exhaustions	1,411	1,347	+ 4.8

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION

Statistics for the Federal Supplemental Compensation Program, the cost of which is entirely Federally-financed, are presented below:

	May 1985	Apr. 1985
Initial Claims	1	438
No. of Payments	3,915	7,464
Amount of Payments	$ 384,047	$ 804,187

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984
Civilian Labor Force	493.9	491.2	492.2
Unemployment	24.5	26.4	23.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.0	5.4	4.8
Seas. Adjusted Rate	5.3	5.2	5.3

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	329.1	329.0	327.6
Unemployment	17.2	18.3	17.1
Rate (Unadjusted)	5.2	5.6	5.2

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	135.7	136.5	136.9
Unemployment	8.7	9.7	9.3
Rate (Unadjusted)	6.4	7.1	6.8

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Apr. 1985	Mar. 1985	Apr. 1984
Civilian Labor Force	40,280	39,160	37,455
Unemployment	1,320	1,470	1,455
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.3	3.8	3.9

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
MAY 20 - 24, 1985

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	13,715	100.0
Men	6,904	50.3
Under 45	4,864	70.5
45 and over	2,040	29.5
Women	6,811	49.7
Under 45	4,456	65.4
45 and over	2,355	34.6
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	1,334	9.7
Manufacturing	8,207	59.8
Public Utilities	408	3.0
Wholesale and Retail	1,632	11.9
Finance-Insurance & Real Estate	172	1.3
Service	1,522	11.1
All Other	440	3.2
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,177	8.6
Clerical & Sales	2,369	17.3
Service	957	7.0
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	47	0.3
Processing	973	7.1
Machine Trades	2,197	16.0
Bench Work	2,731	19.9
Structural Work	1,632	11.9
Miscellaneous	1,601	11.7
INA	31	0.2

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984	Apr. 1985	May 1984
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT*	417.6	414.2	413.9	+ 3,400	+ 3,700
MANUFACTURING	118.0	117.9	120.6	+ 100	- 2,600
NONMANUFACTURING	299.6	296.3	293.3	+ 3,300	+ 6,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	13.3	12.5	13.3	+ 800	-
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	13.7	13.5	13.4	+ 200	+ 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	90.0	88.7	87.2	+ 1,300	+ 2,800
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	23.9	23.8	22.4	+ 100	+ 1,500
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	100.8	99.8	99.2	+ 1,000	+ 1,600
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	57.9	58.0	57.8	- 100	+ 100

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ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			Net Change From		PRODUCTION – WORKER AVERAGES Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	May 1985	Apr. 1985	May 1984	Apr. 1985	May 1984	May 1985	May 1984	May 1985	May 1984	May 1985	May 1984
ALL MANUFACTURING	118.0	117.9	120.6	+100	-2600	$311.25	$299.52	41.5	41.6	$7.50	$7 20
DURABLE GOODS	80.0	80.0	82.2	0	-2200	314.34	303.66	41.8	42.0	7.52	7.23
LUMBER/FURNITURE	2.7	2.7	2.8*	0	- 100	314.29	306.61	41.3	41.1	7.61	7.46
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.8	1.8	1.9	0	- 100	373.63	394.80	40.7	43.1	9.18	9.16
PRIMARY METALS	5.9*	5.9*	6.1	0	- 200	383.67	361.23	43.5	42.8	8.82	8.44
FABRICATED METALS	9.3	9.3	9.3*	0	0	275.00	268.36	40.5	41.8	6.79	6.42
NONELECTRIC MACH.	5.9*	6.0*	6.3*	- 100	- 400	405.13	380.72	42.6	41.7	9.51	9.13
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	11.9	11.9	12.4	0	- 500	283.63	269.28	38.8	40.8	7.31	6.60
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	10.2	10.2	9.9	0	+ 300	421.26	407.95	41.3	42.1	10.20	9.69
INSTRUMENTS	4.8	4.7	5.0	+100	- 200	297.74	299.46	41.7	42.0	7.14	7.13
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	22.5	22.5	23.3	0	- 800	243.49	222.48	39.4	39.1	6.18	5.69
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.0	5.0	5.2	0	- 200	223.01	224.69	34.1	34.2	6.54	6.57
NONDURABLE GOODS	38.0	37.9	38.4	+100	- 400	299.55	291.41	40.1	40.7	7.47	7.16
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.2	3.2	3.0	0	+ 200	235.15	261.76	36.8	40.9	6.39	6.40
TEXTILES	11.0	11.0	11.3	0	- 300	316.47	301.60	41.1	41.6	7.70	7.25
APPAREL	3.3	3.3	3.7	0	- 400	244.77	231.07	39.1	38.9	6.26	5.94
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	+ 100	278.66	285.24	41.1	42.7	6.78	6.68
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.0	6.0	6.0	0	0	415.24	368.45	39.1	36.3	10.62	10.15
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.2	3.1	3.2	+100	0	399.96	384.08	40.4	40.6	9.90	9.46
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.4	1.4	1.4	0	0	332.88	311.83	43.8	41.8	7.60	7.46
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	4.9	4.9	4.9	0	0	312.40	291.65	40.0	39.2	7.81	7.44
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0	207.32	209.80	40.1	41.3	5.17	5.08

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employment increase in Durable Goods was recorded in Transportation Equipment (+300). The largest job declines from a year ago were posted in Jewelry/Silverware (-800), Electrical Machinery (-500), and Nonelectrical Machinery (-400). Primary Metals, Instruments, and Miscellaneous Manufacturing each decreased by 200, while Lumber/Furniture and Stone-Clay-Glass were each down by 100 from May 1984. Employment in Fabricated Metals remained unchanged from a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, the only monthly job increase (+100) occurred in Chemical Products. The remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged from their April employment levels. On an annual comparison, advances were reported in Food/Beverage (+200) and Paper Products (+100). Annual job declines were posted in Apparel (-400) and Textiles (-300). Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change from last May's levels.

NONMANUFACTURING

Rhode Island employment in the various Nonmanufacturing industries increased 3,300 from April to May, primarily due to seasonal hiring in Trade, Services and Construction. The current level of 299,600 also represents an increase of 6,300 jobs over the May 1984 total of 293,300.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the largest monthly increase (+1,300) occurred in Wholesale and Retail Trade. At 90,000, Trade was also up 2,800 from its May 1984 employment level. As a result of a monthly job gain of 1,000, Service employment rose to 100,800, which was 1,600 higher than reported in May 1984. Contract Construction, at 13,300, registered a monthly addition of 800 jobs, but remained unchanged compared to last May. Transportation and Public Utilities payrolls increased by 200 for the month to a level of 13,700. This figure is a gain of 300 over a year ago. Total Government jobs declined by 100 from April, but the current total of 57,900 is 100 above the May 1984 level. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate employment, at 23,900, increased by 100 from April and by 1,500 from a year earlier.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 4 cents to $7.50 in May. This represents a 30 cent per hour gain compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.2 of an hour in May to 41.5 hours, which was also 0.1 of an hour less than May 1984. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in May amounted to $311.25, representing an increase of 17 cents from last month, and $11.73 from May of last year.

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